

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

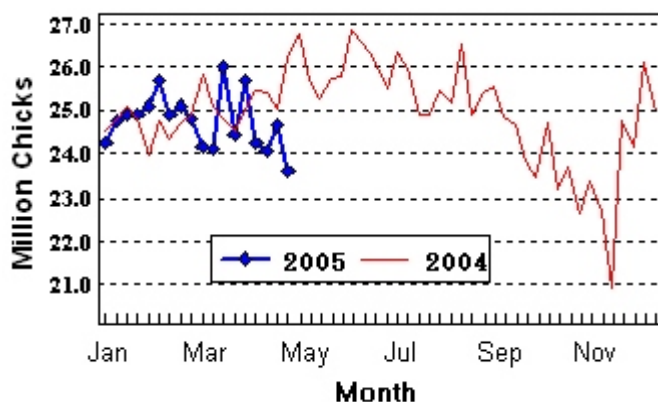
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.6 million during the week ending April 30, 2005. Placements were down 10 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through April 30, 2005 were 445.6 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.4 percent.

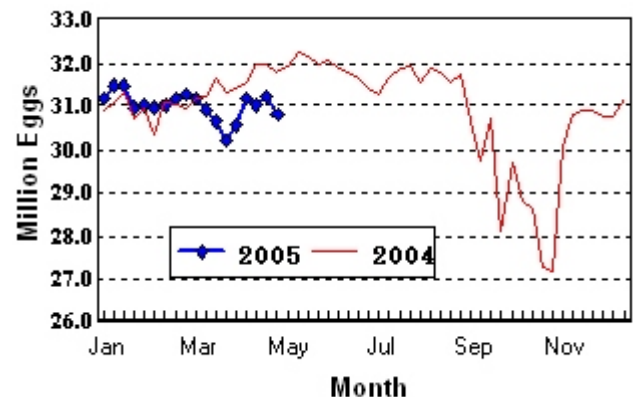
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 30, 2005, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 26	24,532	24,483	100	25,833	26,218	101	31,331	30,196	96
Apr. 2	24,998	25,689	103	25,848	26,122	101	31,453	30,537	97
Apr. 9	25,450	24,245	95	26,033	25,690	99	31,533	31,153	99
Apr. 16	25,379	24,090	95	25,899	25,330	98	31,979	30,994	97
Apr. 23	25,051	24,649	98	26,014	25,451	98	32,020	31,203	97
Apr. 30	26,189	23,635	90	26,122	25,978	99	31,803	30,826	97

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	09-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr		26-Mar	02-Apr	09-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr	
Alabama	31,723 *	29,672	30,310	31,577	102	21,502	21,408	21,769	21,842	22,081	22,253	105
ARKANSAS	31,153	30,994	31,203	30,826	97	24,483	25,689	24,245	24,090	24,649 *	23,635	90
Delaware	4,031	3,902	4,044	3,786	101	5,408	4,962	6,033	5,788	5,557	5,681	125
Florida	1,353	1,344	1,354	1,342	97	1,545	1,560	1,699	1,488	1,504	1,616	106
Georgia	33,445 *	33,573	33,448	33,389	101	27,635	27,362	27,006	26,971	25,778	27,137	100
Kentucky	7,528 *	7,263	6,699	6,832	97	6,064	6,051	5,517	6,096	6,264 *	6,359	107
Louisiana	4,165	4,165	4,165	4,041	101	4,227	3,834	3,871	3,653	3,605	3,954	106
Maryland	9,010	8,884	8,981	8,876	100	5,529	5,763	5,207	4,988	5,212	5,762	92
Mississippi	18,866	18,524	18,886	18,780	97	17,543	17,641	17,940	17,960	17,764	17,422	102
N. Carolina	19,233 *	18,702	19,058 *	19,183	104	15,337	15,148	15,361	15,174	15,381 *	15,302	99
Oklahoma	6,465	6,507	6,649	6,265	95	5,127	5,164	5,362	5,075	4,425	5,933	118
Pennsylvania	4,173	4,148	4,082 *	4,064	110	3,115	3,106	3,047	2,975	3,067 *	3,110	112
S. Carolina	5,106	5,205	5,010	5,192	138	3,753	4,232	4,512	4,602	4,271	4,544	123
Texas	15,480	15,470	15,526	15,510	101	12,891	12,885	12,910	12,897	13,311	13,121	102
Virginia	6,601	6,515	6,602	6,677	101	5,442	5,320	5,364	5,676	5,353	4,999	96
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,735	18,771	18,036 *	18,156	100	17,242 *	16,546 *	16,912 *	17,874 *	17,338 *	17,948	108
Total 2005	217,067 *	213,639	214,053 *	214,496		176,843 *	176,671 *	176,755 *	177,149 *	175,560 *	178,776	
Total 2004	212,808	214,388	213,217	212,646		172,510	172,652	172,145	173,941	173,669	174,862	
%Prev. Year	102	100	100	101		103	102	103	102	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						14-May	21-May	28-May	04-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending April 30, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 30, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 30, 2005 were 2.98 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.